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Why Zoe Got Zapped

ZOE BAIRD began her testimony as the inaugural revels were approaching their zenith. She resumed the day after Bill Clinton had taken the oath and danced the night away. For her, the music stopped around midnight Thursday. She withdrew her name from nomination as attorney general.

The evidence was that while the country was joyfully welcoming President Clinton, it registered an emphatic thumbs down on the brilliant, black-haired corporate lawyer he had chosen in something of a hurry.

In the hearing room of the Senate Judiciary Committee, senators politely asked her over and over again how and why she broke the law. She said she was sorry that she and her husband, a Yale Law School professor, hired illegal immigrants to help care for her 8-month-old baby and didn't pay their Social Security until after she was picked to be the nation's chief law enforcement officer. She had paid a fine to an agency she would have directed had she been confirmed.

Democratic senators, who had looked forward to voting for the country's first woman attorney

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Beware the Rise of the Wispy,

By Joe Queenan

THERE ARE certain words in the English language that, merely whispered, are sufficient to strike terror into the hearts of grown men. In the world of medicine, the most dreaded term is *exploratory.* In the world of finance the most frightening term is *illiquid.* In the world of music the most terrifying word is *original,* as in "The orchestra is now going to play an *original* composition by our double-bassist." In the world of fashion, the most electrifyingly unsettling word is *gamine.*

If one looks upon fashion as the extension of warfare by other means, then the news that gamines are making a comeback is the sartorial equivalent of the Visigoths arriv-

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